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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES GCC MEETING ON IRAN

Classified By: Ambassador William T. Monroe. Reason: 1.4 (B)(D)

¶1. (C) Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid Al-Khalifa, during a June 13 conversation with the Ambassador, stated that the GCC Foreign Minister meeting on Iran held in Riyadh on June 10 reached no specific conclusions. He said there was great appreciation for the Secretary's May 31 announcement on Iran, but disappointment that the GCC countries had not been engaged on the details of the initiative. In that connection, he hoped that the proposed Gulf Security Dialogue could be launched soon. He said that the King was going away on July 20, and he (Shaikh Khalid) would be leaving on vacation towards the end of July, so he hoped that any senior-level engagement in Bahrain as part of the dialogue would take place before then.

¶2. (C) In terms of further GCC engagement with Iran, Shaikh Khalid said that Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud's trip to Tehran after the June 10 meeting in Riyadh was a bilateral visit and not related to the GCC meeting.

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